

Attachment 2

518 Old Healesville Road
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The Hon Kevin Rudd
Prime Minister of Australia.

Dear Sir,

This communication concerns the proposal of the Victorian Government to divert 75000 megalitres of water from the Goulburn River downstream of Lake Eildon into the Sugarloaf Reservoir at Christmas Hills to supply water to Melbourne.

I believe I am qualified to make these comments and that they are of substance having had a career of 35 years as a Civil Engineer and Senior Executive with the MMBW (now Melbourne Water). Some 24 years directly involved in the operation of the water supply system and 14 years responsible for its operation as Manager Water Supply- Headworks and Distribution. In this role I was accountable for the harvest storage and distribution of water to Melbourne and had significant input in the planning, design and construction of works. The attachment titled 'Water Supply Options for Melbourne' gives background history and water resource alternatives available to Melbourne which have minimal environmental impact when compared to the current proposed works.

The Sugarloaf pipeline proposal is high in energy consumption and hence creation of Greenhouse gases with the water having to be pumped a minimum of 3 times and fully treated prior to distribution to consumers.

Since coming into government I applaud you on the signing of the Kyoto Protocol and your proposal to set Greenhouse emission targets, yet, we have a State government going in the reverse direction with a proposal that is extremely high, initially and on an ongoing basis, in the creation of these emissions. You would be aware that most of Victoria's power is generated from the use of brown coal.

I trust you will give my attached paper your earnest consideration and encourage you to use the environmental powers entrusted to the Federal Government to reject the Sugarloaf Pipeline proposal.

Yours faithfully,

James I Viggers